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Richard Opper, Director Montana Department of Environmental Quality 1520 E. Sixth Avenue P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0043

Heritage Baptist Church of Great Falls, Montana 900 52nd Street North Great Falls, MT 59403 PWS ID# MT0003956

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations consist of failure to monitor as required under the lead and copper rules, failure to provide public notice, and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please notify Darcy O'Connor of my staff at (303) 312-6392 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

Date of

Violation

<u>Violation</u>

Jan – June 2002,

Failure to monitor for lead and copper. [40 C.F.R. § 141.86]

July – Dec 2002,

July - Dec 2003,

Jan - June 2005,

July - Dec 2006

Date of Violation	Violation
Jan – June 2003, July – Dec 2004, July – Dec 2005, Jan – June 2006	Failure to collect the minimum number of samples for lead and copper monitoring. [40 C.F.R. § 141.86]
2002 – 2006	Failure to notify public of violations. [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]
2002 – 2006	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b)]

This NOTICE OF VIOLATION is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, the EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under section 1414(g) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to confer with my staff to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order. Our technical contact is Darcy O'Connor at (303) 312-6392.

A copy of this NOTICE OF VIOLATION has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the System is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses. EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an EPA enforcement action. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the SDWA.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Sipe, Director
Water Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

David J. Janik, Acting Director Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosure:

SBREFA Fact Sheet

cc:

Pastor S C Schearer, Heritage Baptist Church or Great Falls, Montana, (certified mail/return receipt requested w/Enclosure)

John Arrigo, MT DEQ (w/o Enclosure)

Kate Miller, MT DEQ (w/o Enclosure)